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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

## BEHOLD, I SEND THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU.

### THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST IN THE LAST DAYS

Truly the Promise of the Father has been Fulfilled—The Holy Ghost now Speaks Through and Moves upon God's Faithful Ones

S. W. Latimer

"He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:2.

If you notice it says, "since ye believed." Paul came to Ephesus and found certain disciples. These surely were Christians because he calls them disciples. They told him they were baptized unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

The word tongues here of course means languages and quite often are not understood by the speakers. We find that Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany and lifted up His hands and blessed them and commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, "which saith He, ye have heard of me, for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." In verse 15 of the first chapter of Acts we read, "And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.)" I am sure that the twelve and seventy were included in this number. Verses 13 and 14, "And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zeleotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

Now come with me to Luke 9 and you will find that Jesus called His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority over devils, and to cure diseases and He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Luke 10:1. We find that they came back rejoicing and said, "The very devils are subject unto us. Jesus said, rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in the Lamb's book of life. I believe that these people were saved and I believe that there is enough proof here to show that they were, and yet Jesus commanded them to tarry until they be endued with power from on high. Jesus stood as the authority for all work done in His name while on earth, and it was in His name that they cast out devils and did many wonderful things. Now He is fixing to leave them and He commands them to tarry until they be endued with power from on high. These people were not sanctified by the blood of Jesus at that time for He had not been crucified. They did not have the Holy Ghost for in John 7:37-39 we read, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given;)

### WERE MADE TO WONDER

Zeno C. Tharp.

Brother Simmons wrote you last week telling you of our visit to the Bowery. From there we went to Coney Island Beach. Perhaps you have heard and read of it many times. We, having heard so much about it, wanted to go see for ourselves. What we saw was almost unbelievable. Even before we

got to the beach, we began to see large crowds of people coming and going. On either side of the street were places of amusements. We came out to the end of the street where we found ourselves on a wide walk, maybe seventy feet wide. This was crowded with people coming and going. They were in no hurry but walked from one place to another. Between this walk and the water was a wide beach, crowded with people of all descriptions, most of them with their bathing suits on. One girl lay in a man's arms, another was being covered with sand or having sand packed around his body, a boy had a girl by the heels making her turn somersaults, another sat in the shade of an umbrella with her tiny baby in her arms while the larger children played in the sand, still others just rolled and tumbled in the sand. Thousands and thousands were doing such things while many were out in the water bathing. This reached both ways as far as our eyes could see. Nobody can realize what it is unless they could see it. Brother Simmons said he thought the Miami Beach was bad, but nothing like this.

Do you believe that these people were saved? This is the same crowd that tarried at Jerusalem, and in the second chapter of Acts we have a glowing description of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. There were Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven, or at least that were known to civilization at that time. These different nationalities heard them speak in their own tongues wherein they were born, the wonderful works of God. This is prima facie evidence that they spoke in many different languages at that time and were understood by those people from the different provinces of the country who had gathered for this great feast, for they were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said,

These men are full of new wine. This criticism has been offered even to this present day. When people receive the Holy Ghost quite often they act as though they were filled with new wine. But Peter stood up with the eleven and lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judea and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaids I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: and I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour or smoke. Luke 15:19.

Some will tell you that this was done to encourage the apostles and brethren but it stopped right there. This is untrue because we read in Acts 10 that Cornelius was a devout man and he was praying at a certain hour and God sent an angel down to visit him and told him to send to Joppa and he would find lodged in the house of one Simon, a tanner, whose house was by the sea side and "he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." This was in the year of our Lord 41, eight years after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

"While Peter yet spake these words, (Please Look On Page Three)

### HOW CAN THEY KNOW

LAWTON, Okla. — Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord this morning for victory in my soul and for the Church of God. I feel that it would be good for us to state a few things concerning the work in Oklahoma.

In the month of March, Brother Hicks and I began a meeting in the "Skating Rink Hall" in Faxon. With prayer and consecration we overcame the opposition of the enemy enough to have music and dancing for the Lord. The Free Pentecostal saints saw the need of the Church of God. We set a church in order with twenty grown members who still have the victory. The meeting closed after seven weeks.

After a week and one half we erected the state tent at Walters and I was left in charge of the meeting. We did our best musically, physically, and spiritually and the power fell. Several received the Holy Ghost. We called for Brother Hicks to preach the Church of God and a church was established with seventeen members. The meeting closed after four and one half weeks because we had to use the tent at Lawton in the camp meeting. We have good prospects at Walters for a strong church.

The camp meeting was a great success for the work in the state. The saints came from Oklahoma and a few from Texas. The shouts of praise soon drew the people of the city. The power of God and the preaching of the Word had its effect. We gained three pentecostal preachers during the camp meeting.

We are now engaged in a revival at Duncan. We expect a good church as the Word is winning its way to the hearts of saints and sinners.

If any real Church of God ministers read this article, don't tell anyone else you haven't a place to preach for Oklahoma needs you so badly. The work has been cramped in the state on the account of so little help. Precious souls are hungry for the government of the Church of God. But how can they know it until they are shown by the Word? Pray for the work in this state.—Humbly, Geo. A. Douglas.

### GOD'S BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM

God has Instituted a Plan whereby His Cause Should be Supported—All Men Owe to God One-tenth of Their Income

J. P. Hughes

The first thing to be considered under this heading is whether or not God has a business in this world, for it is foregoing conclusion that any business, even God's business, must have finance or soon fail. If a man desires to engage in business of any kind he will first arrange a plan to finance it, if he intends his business to prosper. We could not think of God, in all His wisdom, being less thoughtful than man; so it is true that if He has a business, He has a financial plan.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of the Passover, and instead of being anxious to start home after the feast was over, He desired to remain in the city of God. After His parents were well on their way, they discovered that Jesus was not in the company. When a search was made they found Him in the "House of God," reasoning with the lawyers and doctors about His Father's plan. Being grieved with His seemingly rude act, His mother questioned Him as to why He had tarried in the city, to which He replied,

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). This answer is full proof that God has a business in this world, that Jesus was, and now is, deeply interested in.

#### What is God's Business

God's business in this world is to evangelize it thru the preaching of the Gospel. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that preaches and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:15, 16. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." 1 Cor. 1:21. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Rom. 10:14, 15.

Many more Scriptures could be given as proof that people are saved thru the power of the Gospel, and that preachers must be sent before it can be heard, but the above quotations are enough to prove that God's business is to evangelize the world by the Gospel being preached to every creature.

#### What is God's Financial Plan?

God's plan for financing His business as outlined in the Scripture is known as the tithe system, and is put into operation by His children paying a tenth of their income to Him for this purpose. Let us remember that Jesus said that he MUST be about His Father's business, and that those who would follow Him MUST pay tithes to promote God's business of evangelizing the world.

But some will say that the Gospel is free and they are not required to pay for it. Yes, it is so free to this class that they soon forget its blessing to them and it becomes unfruitful in their lives. There are those who hear the Word, but it is so free, in their estimation, that they reject God's plan of promoting His business. Therefore, "the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things" enter in and choke the Word until it becomes unfruitful in them, just as Jesus said it would. (See Mark 4:18-19).

When those who have been blessed by the Gospel reject God's plan for financing His business, they rob Him under a pretense of Christianity, and not only become robbers, but hypocritical robbers of God. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed

with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3:8, 9.

#### When Did People First Begin To Pay Tithes?

Those who object to paying tithes usually base their argument on the claim that it began with Moses, and is therefore a principle of the Mosaic law that was nailed to the cross with Christ. Some will claim that in different ways they give more than a tenth, and so excuse themselves from God's plan for financing His business and make themselves robbers of God under false pretense.

Let us make a survey of the Scripture and see if we can find where tithing first began. There are some duties which the Bible seems to recognize as understood from the beginning. There is no mention of their origin and first announcement. Their violation, or performance is mentioned incidentally in the sacred story long before they are recorded as specifically enjoined. It appears to be taken for granted that they were known to be duties at man's very start in the world. There is no record, for instance, of any law against murder until after the first capital crime was committed, but Cain was not excused from guilt on the ground that he had no commandment against slaying his brother. There is no commandment to pray, either public or private, recorded in any of the earlier books of the Bible. Nevertheless, most of the patriarchs whose story is elaborated are represented as in the habit of prayer. The "Ten Commandments" did not specifically enjoin the duty or prayer; but nevertheless, it was and is recognized as a universal obligation for God's people to call upon Him in prayer.

The duty of paying tithes is one of these duties which seems to have needed the record of no original announcement or injunction. It seems to have been a foregoing conclusion that tithe paying was a duty of man from the beginning. The first record we have of anyone paying tithes was long before the proclamation of the Mosaic law. It is found in Gen. 14 where Abraham, returning from the slaughter of the kings, paid tithes to Melchizedek, "priest of the most high God." It does not appear in the record that Abraham's act of paying tithes was something unlike anything ever done before; but on the contrary, it appears to have been the spontaneous performance of a plain duty. Abraham did not count those particular spoils of battle his own, but looked on them as property belonging to the king of Sodom. Nevertheless, he was sure that one tenth of them belonged to the Lord and must be handed over to His representative. He delivered the spoils of battle to the king of Sodom who was the rightful owner, after he had paid a tenth to the Lord's representative, in honor to God who had given him the victory over his enemies.

There is no record of where Abraham got his idea for paying tithes, other than it was a recognized duty of God's people handed down from the beginning. The spontaneous act performed by Abraham without any record of it being a duty specifically enjoined upon him is the strongest evidence that tithing was a duty recognized and understood from the beginning.

The next Bible mention of tithes is where Jacob, one hundred and fifty-three years after his grandfather had performed this sacred duty, vowed a

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## PERFECT FRUIT

The Unfruitful Tree is Hewn Down and Cast Into the Fire—The Fruitful Tree is Purged that It Might Bring Forth More Abundant Fruit

Mrs. Nora Owens, Hamilton, O.

Jesus said in explaining the parable of the sower, that the seed was the Word. Those by the wayside are those that hear. Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts.

Those on the rock are they which when they hear received the Word with gladness, but they have no root, which for a while endure, and go down under temptation. And they which fell among thorns are they when they have heard go forth and are choked with the cares of this world, riches and the pleasures of life and bring no fruit to perfection. Thus we can see why the Word becometh unfruitful, and we should do all in our power to make favorable conditions for the Word. So God has prepared an armor for His children. If they will put it on they may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Just now we want to notice what the fruit of a Christian life is. When it comes to maturity the fruit of the Spirit is, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. So when we get the flesh crucified with the affections

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## The Walls Of Unbelief Fell

MELROSE, N. Mex.—In Mark 16:15  
Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to every creature."  
From the way New Mexico has  
been neglected, it seems that most of  
our ministers have forgotten that this  
is a part of the world. Jesus said to  
Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, I beseech  
thee, go to the lost sheep of the house  
of Israel." Peter said, "Lord, where-  
unto shall I go?" After rehearsing this  
the third time, Jesus commanded him to  
feed His lambs, also His sheep. Now I am  
sure that all the ones who have heard the  
voice of Jesus as Peter did, would obey, we  
would have more workers in this state.

About the 22d of February we started  
a meeting in this little town (Mel-  
rose). For two weeks we preached,  
fasted and prayed, but could not get  
a good crowd out to listen. We continued  
in prayer. The third week the  
walls of unbelief fell, the powers of  
darkness were driven back and people  
began to seek God. The power  
came down and souls were delivered  
from Satan's bondage. The meeting  
continued on thru February, March  
and most of April. Several were saved  
and sanctified, two filled with the  
Holy Ghost and ten baptized in water.  
We organized a Sunday School. Then  
Brother Drake from Texas came and  
set the church in order. Now the altar  
is filled with seekers and we have  
good attendance.

One man has promised to deed two  
lots to the Church of God as soon as  
we can use them. Also one brother has  
promised \$50.00 to start building.  
Truly God has answered prayer, and  
we are shouting the victory because  
the devil has been defeated once more.  
Now we lack one more prayer being  
answered and that is for a pastor to  
come and take charge of this work.  
I know God has a man somewhere and,  
brother, listen real good and I believe  
you will hear the same words that  
Peter heard. The folks are good and  
will take care of you if you preach  
thus saith the Lord.

I have calls to different parts of the  
state but will have to wait until some  
one else obeys God. Now if God leads  
you this way, you had better step out  
and obey Him, or else you will hear  
God has made such ample provisions

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## NOTICES

We will observe the Lord's Supper  
and feet washing at Fleet Wood, near  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the Birmingham  
Highway, the third Sunday in August,  
the 18th. Come expecting to see signs  
following. There will be all day ser-  
vice and dinner on the ground. Come  
with a well filled basket and have a  
good time with the Lord.

Our revival will begin at the Church  
of God tabernacle, Kellerman, Ala.,  
the first Sunday in September. Brother H.  
M. Taylor will do the preaching. Brother  
Taylor is a wonderful preacher. Come  
and hear him.—J. H. Morgan,  
pastor.

The Maryland state convention will  
convene at Cambridge, Md., Sept. 6th-9th.  
Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy  
the feast.—F. B. Marine, Overseer.

A revival will begin here the 2d  
Sunday in this month. Brother Coats  
from Dora, Ala. will do the preaching  
and Brother Nelson from Empire, Ala.,  
will have charge of the singing and  
music. An invitation is extended to all  
to attend and pray for the success of  
the meeting.—E. H. Jones, clerk, Traf-  
ford, Ala.

To the Churches of God in the Rock  
Hill district: This is to notify you  
that the Rock Hill district convention  
will convene at the Church of God at  
Blacksburg, S. C. Aug. 23d-25th. We  
had a wonderful time in our conven-  
tion last year but we are looking for  
this to be the greatest one that has  
ever been held in this district as the  
Lord has given us two new churches  
since our last convention. This makes  
a total of seven churches in this dis-  
trict. We want all who can to be pres-  
ent, from all the churches in the dis-  
trict and from other churches as well.  
Come, you are welcome. We are ex-  
pecting all the preachers in the dis-  
trict to be present and also our State  
Overseer. Be sure to come and be with  
us in this great feast from the Lord.  
—Yours in the work, J. C. Childers,  
District Overseer, Blacksburg, S. C.

## REQUESTS

Pray for my unsaved husband that  
he may receive salvation, also that I  
may stand true to Jesus.—Your sister  
in Christ, Mrs. Fay Bolt.

My baby is not well. I ask all who  
believe in divine healing to pray for  
him to be healed, and for my husband.  
He is complaining. Pray for me, and  
for my unsaved husband that they  
might see the light before it is too  
late.—Mrs. R. R. Lewis, Petersburg,  
W. Va.

Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Arcadia, Fla.  
asks the saints everywhere to pray  
for her to be healed. She has been in  
bad health for over two years and is  
very sick now. Please pray for her  
healing. She is needed in her home.—  
Mrs. I. N. Kerse, Arcadia, Fla.

## HE IS THE WAY

By C. V. Wood  
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Ill.

Some people just won't read the Bible,  
They're not interested in Jesus we  
know, They'd rather read magazines or  
novels, Or a lot rather go to a show.

They never do think of God's mercy,  
Or how long His Spirit will strive;  
They go on with all their transgres-  
sions, And think of just only this life.

But we find in God's Holy Bible,  
How Jesus said, "I am the way."  
And if we will obey His command-  
ments, We'll all go to Heaven some day.

O friend don't you think it's worth liv-  
ing  
For all of us, both young and old,  
If we get to see our dear Saviour,  
Up there on the streets paved with  
gold?

O God our dear Master in Heaven,  
Please help us to serve thee each  
day;  
And keep us from our temptations,  
And take us to Heaven we pray.

me no meat, etc. and you might wonder  
when you saw Him hungry. There  
are hundreds of precious souls in this  
state perishing because they have not  
heard the Gospel. There are Americans,  
Indians, Spaniards and Mexicans  
here, all crying. Come over and help us.  
Can't we get some workers from  
somewhere? Please, dear readers, do  
not just read this and lay it aside, but  
fall down on your face and obey the  
Words of Jesus when He said, "Pray  
ye the Lord of the harvest to send  
laborers into the vineyard, and remem-  
ber we also covet your prayers.  
—Yours in His service, Josephine  
Walker, General Delivery.

## STILL ON THE SUNNY SIDE

Many Made Glad  
ELECTRA, Tex.—To the Evangel  
readers, greetings: Having just closed  
our summer revival, we will give a  
report of same. Prior to June 1, we  
had a few preparative services. On  
the above date Brother I. H. Marks  
arrived. We continued our services in  
the building for about a week. The  
weather was threatening. We had one  
or two rains and the crowds were dis-  
turbed several times. Nevertheless,  
the Word came forth and the power  
fell. We then rented a large gospel  
tent and put it a little closer in town.  
We were there about two weeks. Broth-  
er Marks opened fire without fear or  
favor. Many were made glad and a  
few made mad. We were made to  
realize more fully the truthfulness of  
Paul's assertion, "For the word of God  
is quick, and powerful, and sharper  
than any twoedged sword, piercing  
even to the dividing asunder of soul  
and spirit, and of the joints and mar-  
row, and is a discerner of the thoughts  
and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.

After a stay of three weeks, Broth-  
er Marks returned to Florida. We held  
right on and in a few days Brother  
Kile and Brown closed their reviva! at  
Burkburnett and joined us. The  
good Lord continued to bless until  
one evening one of those Texas wind  
storms blew out tent down and dam-  
aged it. We moved back to our build-  
ing and the Lord continued to bless.  
After a few services in the house, we  
closed July 7. Quite a number were  
saved and sanctified, twelve were bapt-  
ized with the Holy Ghost, twenty  
baptized in water, and eleven were  
added to the church.—S. J. Wood and  
wife, pastor.

will be saved. I believe by some help  
that they will come this holy way be-  
cause they know that Holiness is  
right. Oh, I am so glad that I am in  
the way of Holiness because there is  
so much joy. We have the privilege of  
testifying. It is food to our souls for  
when we have real salvation we want  
to testify for our dear Savior.—A sis-  
ter in Christ, Mrs. Ida Wright.

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## The Outpouring Of The Holy Ghost

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the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" This was twenty years after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. For approximately 325 years after the day of Pentecost the church stood together on the doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. About this time there arose up some in the council at Mysia, claiming that some should hold positions in the church without being filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This was the first division in the Church of God. Apostasy set in. Finally church and state united; the dark day which we hear so many speak of, came. Martin Luther, Wesley and others began to teach the doctrine of the Bible. These are called the days of reformation. Chas. G. Fenny, one of the most noted preachers after the days of Luther, was filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. Quite often he would speak in tongues while delivering his message. It is said that his congregation became so interested in his welfare that they made up a common fund to have him treated in the sanitarium. It is said that physicians in talking with Mr. Fenny about his condition decided that they could not find anything wrong with his mind. They asked him to explain how he felt when this power was on him. He told of the glorious feeling that would come over him when he was intensely interested in his subject and of course he would lose control of his tongue. It is very evident that this was none other than the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost. This man was a man of power. He walked down the aisles and preached and people would fall off their seats, and thousands wept their way to Calvary.

I remember in my boyhood days of the good meetings and how the Spirit and power of God would fall. My mother was a church member and occasionally she would lose control of her tongue. Her face would light up with the glory of God and how she would sway the people while under this mighty power. When I was old enough to thoroughly understand we thought that mother's burdens of the home and being the mother of a large family was the cause of the strange spells she would have in church, but I noticed that this had a great influence over the congregation. Her chin would quiver and often she would shake all over and weep and dance down the aisles and you could not understand what she would say. Not until I heard about this wonderful experience and went to the meetings and heard them talk in tongues did I know what was the matter with my mother but I am sure that she had the baptism of the Holy Ghost for she spoke in tongues.

There was an old man in my community by the name of Farris. His son was killed on a southern road as an engine turned over. Of course this grieved the old father and I will never forget the experience of that funeral. This old man got under some kind of power and sat down on the floor. He lost control of his tongue and of course every one was much interested, thinking that it was caused from grief. After this quite often in church when called on to pray, he would sit flat down on the floor and get hold of the seat with his hands and pray until the meeting was dismissed. It used to amuse me when I was a little boy, to get over close to him and listen to him talk (as we boys used to say) "like a Chinaman." Everybody said he was the best man in the community. They could not understand the strange spells that he would have but I am sure he was filled with the Holy Ghost for we heard him speak in tongues.

If you have ever read Methodist history I am sure that you have read of that Kentucky camp meeting during the early days of Methodism in America. It is said that the women's hair would pop like whips and as their bodies would sway their heads would hit the floor backward and forward. They had what they called the running exercise and the laughing exercise, and in fact they had our people beat when it comes to being operated by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. I am persuaded to believe that there have been people all along who have received this wonderful blessing. I remember after I married, my brother and I lived together on a farm at Rome, Ga. There was a man by the name of Harper who worked on the farm. He was a congenial, pleasant, working companion. We decided in the summer months to pitch a meeting up near the mining camp on this farm. This man went on a fast and stated that he intended to fast until God answered his prayers. I thought he was going on the extremes and admonished him not to fast too long. My brother and I would take it night about going to the meeting. One night he came home and rapped at my bed-room door, came in and told me the result of the meeting. This man Harper while giving an altar call fell under the power of God and, as my brother expressed it, had some kind of a spell

and lay like he was dead for a while. When he did come to, he talked in some kind of a language that they could not understand. My how uneasy we were about him. I hurried away next morning to see how he was getting along. His wife told us to be quiet as he had just gone to sleep. He woke up smiling and stated that he was all right and about that time he went off in some kind of spell and of course we could not understand what was the matter with him. How this man denounced sin and held up for the pure, holy life. I am sure that he had the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. Years after this some people from Cleveland, Tenn. came with a tent near my home for a meeting. One night while the storm was raging the tent had been lowered. Three of us were kneeling around the center pole to pray. T. L. McLain began to speak in what they called the unknown tongues. I did not know much about him. I asked my friend who he was and of what nationality he was. He said he was born in Murray county, and that was the Holy Ghost speaking thru him. My mind began to run back over these different ones that I had heard speak in tongues and I decided that it was the same experience that my mother and other friends had received. In a short while after this my wife received this same blessing and I thought she was ruined forever. That put an end to the quarreling in our home and she has lived so good and true ever since. The next morning she started to tell me to bring something from the store and I could not understand what she said and I had to wait until I could get some instructions or until the power went off of her before she could tell me what she wanted. I want to say that this is none other than the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost. If Mary the mother of Jesus needed this blessing every woman in the world needs it for it was said her that she was a holy woman before she received this blessing.

In 1904 (?) every periodical in America put out a request for a prayer day. They admonished the people to ask the Lord to send a gracious revival that would never break up until Jesus came. This was talked by many of my Christian friends in the community in which I lived. Almost the entire United States engaged in prayer that day. In a college in one of the western states some few of the students had already received the Holy Ghost. The revival in Wales was on in good style and it was said that many had received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. On this special prayer day the Holy Ghost was poured out on Azusa St., Los Angeles, Cal, and quite a number of people received the baptism. An account of this outpouring was published in the newspapers to some extent. Brother Holt in Atlanta, in telling his experience, said a man came into his mission one Sunday morning. His garments were tattered and his shoes badly worn. He said he never heard a man preach like that man preached that day. He was from California, bringing the message of the baptism. From this little visit to Atlanta many received the baptism. Among the number were Charlie Holt, Paul T. Barth, and Sister Saxton. Brother Holt lived his profession and a few years ago died. I held his head while he passed away and he spoke in tongues and said he was soon to be with Jesus. Over four million people have received the Holy Ghost since the outpouring in California and this Gospel is spreading to every nook and corner of the world. (See John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 3:16; and 4:9, 10).

## GOD'S BUSINESS AND HIS FINANCIAL SYSTEM

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vow at Bethel in which he recognized tithing, Gen. 12:22, 23. This is another proof that paying tithes was a known duty of man that needed the record of no original announcement or injunction. If it had only been spasmodic on the part of Abraham, his grandson would not have recognized it in century and a half later.

As we further trace the Bible record of paying tithes, we find that it was more than four hundred years after Abraham's performance of this duty, when Moses organized Israel into a nation, that tithing was by Divine direction written into the law. This is full proof that paying tithes did not begin with Moses. Although we have no record of its origin, we know from a scriptural standpoint that it did not originate under the law. The Mosaic code recognized tithing as a known duty of man and it was written into the law on the same principle that Jacob recognized it.

There is no record to show that Abraham would have robbed God, if he had refused to pay tithes; but one thousand three hundred and ninety years after him we find the last prophet of the Old Testament declaring that the nation of Israel had robbed God, both in tithes and offerings.

### Is Tithing Taught in the New Testament?

In the time of the ministry of our Lord and the formation of the New Testament, tithing was so common among the Jews that it was unnecessary to advocate it. And while it is true that very little is said in the New Testament about paying tithes, it is also true that Jesus and the writers of the New Testament never uttered one word against it. It was handed down to the new dispensation in the same manner that it was written into the law. Moses recognized tithing as an established custom and duty of man, and therefore, brought it over from the age of promise, or Abraham's day, into the age known as the dispensation of law. When the old dispensation passed out, tithing merged into the grace, or church age, in the same way. Jesus recognized it as a duty. Although the Pharisees were His most bitter foes and He denounced them in many things, yet, He commanded them for tithing. "Ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42. This is full proof that tithing is positively and distinctly taught in the New Testament. Just as Moses brought it from the preceding age, into the Old Testament and connected it with the law; so did Jesus bring it into the New Testament and connected it with the love of God. Those who were under the law, so did Jesus bring it into the law, but the people under grace pay tithes because they love God. This age may correctly be termed the Age of God's Love, and those who know and love Him will surely accept His plan for financing His business and pay tithes. It is true that God has shown His mercy to the people of all ages, but His love was not fully manifested until His Son came into the world. (See John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 3:16; and 4:9, 10).

### What is the tithe?

The tithe is one tenth of our net income. Those who work for a salary with no expense attached should pay one tenth of all they draw each pay day. The business man should pay one tenth of his clear profit after overhead expenses are paid. The farmer should pay a tenth of his crop after he has paid for his seed, fertilizer, and any other expense he is put to in making the crop.

### To Whom do the Tithes Belong, and How Should They be Used?

The tithes belong to God and should only be used to finance His business of evangelizing the world thru the Gospel. "And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD." Lev. 27:30. The Levites who had no possession and whose duty was to minister in the house of the Lord was supported by the tithes. When Jesus sent forth the twelve disciples to preach the Gospel, He told them not to provide any means of support, "for the workman is worthy of his meat." Matt. 10:1-10. This was in the beginning of the Gospel dispensation and is the rule laid down as an example to be followed. Paul tells us that Jesus ordained (instituted) that "they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. This shows that those who preach the gospel are the Levites of the church and should be supported by the tithes. The tithes should not be used by the church to defray incidental expenses or to build churches, but should be kept as meat in God's house to support the ministry in spreading the gospel. The preacher should not have to even think of how he is to meet his living

read, preached from, and studied ever since it was translated into this language and even in the early church Greek and Hebrew scholars understood God's plan and in this day of the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost those who reject it will certainly not go up in the rapture.

## OUR COMING KING

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throne He was despised and rejected of men and endured the lot of the oppression and the sinfulness that He might reign in redemptive grace, in the hearts of His subjects. He lived so as to conquer through love. He became one with the people that He might win, save and glorify.

It was true in the experience of Jesus that the cross preceded the crown. He was conscious that Calvary was a step toward the throne, and endured the shame of death for the glory that would follow. It was contrary to the purpose of God and the inherent life of Jesus, for Him to remain in the prison house of the dead. As Lord of death He breaks the bars and marches out in triumph. After Jesus came out of the grave, having conquered death in a close, personal encounter, He revealed Himself to His disciples in many unmistakable ways, and for 40 days taught them the truths of the kingdom of God. It was a memorable day when the disciples saw Jesus enter the chariot of cloud and ascend to His throne. They intently gazed at Him as the cloud of glory moved upward and out of sight, and were cheered by the promise of the two men in white, that Jesus would be in the end of the age, return in the same manner in which He went to heaven. When dying, Stephen, the martyr, exclaimed, "Behold, I see heaven opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." The author of Hebrews says, "This man Christ Jesus, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down at the right hand of God from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." Heb. 10:12. The first conquest of redemptive grace after the enthronement of Jesus at the right hand of the Father was the salvation of the vast multitudes which acknowledged Him as Savior and Lord at Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Ghost on that day was the fulfillment of the Father to the exalted Savior. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shewn forth this which ye now see and hear. Acts 2:33. The work of the Savior, the Prince, or Jesus the Living King, is to carry out the plan of salvation among all the nations of the earth, according to the great commission which has behind it all power or authority in heaven and in earth. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world." It is the Lamb that was slain to redeem, that dwells in the midst of the throne and feeds the saints and leads them into living fountains of water and receives the homage of all the heavenly throng. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and glory and honor and blessing." Rev. 5:12. "For the Lamb is that in the midst of the Throne shall feed them and shall lead them into fountains of water and God shall wipe all tears from their eyes." That is Jesus the Saviour, who is the living King. To all illumined with the Holy Ghost, whether learned or unlettered, there is imparted a strange sense of things to come that fills them with confidence and makes them as citizens of another world. The Holy Ghost theme is Jesus, Son of man, Messiah of Israel, Redeemer of mankind, substitute and surety on the cross, and conqueror and master of death, ascended mediator and ever-present friend, coming King and re-creator of a sin-wrecked world. He has no other theme and needs none other than this one inexhaustible; the sovereignty of Jesus is infinite and eternal over all seen and unseen. The Spirit testifies that He is Lord of all. This testimony of the Spirit is the Christian's stay. It keeps his mind and heart set on things above, far above this poor world so full of sin and sorrow, of enmity and persecutions. It anticipates and makes real the blessed place which He has gone to prepare and which will more than make amends for all. It is worth a thousand lives and more, filled with the worst that desperate men and devils can do, to have Him meet us at the end of the way, as He will, with a radiant smile and saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord."

When His work was finished, Jesus returned to the Father from whom He came, with the names of the redeemed graven upon the palms of His hands. There He awaits the day when He shall return for His purchased possession, set up His throne, and with His own reign from the rivers to the end of the earth. Our part is serving in our places, never doubting, never idling, till He comes. He is worthy of our devotion even unto death. How true He ever has been and He promises never to leave us nor to forsake us. Think of that morning when He stood in the garden in the dimness of the dawn. When the weeping Mary began to speak to Him how did He reveal Himself? By a single word. It was the word by which love most richly and deeply expresses itself toward a loved one, the name of the loved one, "Mary," that seems terse and barrenly brief to us, but the thrill of the resurrection joy and glory back of it must have been such as had never vibrated through that single mention of Mary's name in all the years of Mary's earthly life. And when doubting Thomas, reached forth his hand and touched the sacred side, what did he say? "My Lord and my God." But

## PERFECT FRUIT

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for us. Everything has been done that could be done for us, now He demands and has a right to expect the fruit.

Luke 8:18, Take heed therefore how ye hear, for whosoever hath to him shall be given, and to whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken that which he seemeth to have, (or thinketh he hath). I would like to emphasize a thought here. You may ask—Can we think we have something from God and be deceived? Can we lose a gift of power and not be aware of the fact? We will take Samson's experience. Delilah, (a type of the world) enticed him, and while he slept he was shorn of his power. We see people today trifling with the world. You may have several encounters before you are overcome; you may still attend service, shout and dance and enjoy yourself. God's Spirit is longsuffering, but like Samson, there will come a time in your life when you will need all your strength. You will be sure to meet the enemy, and like Samson, you may say, "I will go out and shake myself as before at other times, and he will not be the Lord had departed from him." Mark 13:35.

Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh at even or at midnight or at the cockcrowing or in the morning lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping and what I say unto you I say unto all, watch. Matt. 25:5. And while the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept and at midnight there was a cry, Behold the bridegroom cometh. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps and the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil for our lights are gone out. But the wise answered, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you. No time then to tarry to some for the Holy Ghost, no time to travail with some till Christ be born in them again. Then will be the parting time, for they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage and the door was shut. O it means much to be ready. Watch ye, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh, for the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling in a far country who called his servants and delivered to them his goods. To one he gave five talents, to another two and to another one. Then he that had five traded and gained five other talents, likewise he that had two gained two others, but he that had one digged in the earth and hid his. After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them. Yes, there will come a reckoning time. So he that received five talents came and brought five other talents. Thou deliverest to me five talents, behold, I have gained five others. And his lord said, Thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Likewise he that had two, but he that received one said, Lord I was afraid, I knew that thou wast an hard man. Those few words account for so many failures today. I was afraid to go preach the Word; I was afraid I would get broke; I was afraid of ridicule; of what my family would say, or what they would have to suffer, or what the world would think of me; I was afraid I would fail and have to go back; I was afraid to talk to that man or woman about their souls; I was afraid to lay hands on the sick for fear they would not be healed, and some would laugh me to scorn; I was afraid to trust God when I was sick, or my child was sick; I was afraid to give God His share of my income; I was afraid I would not have enough; I was afraid to preach for women to dress in modest apparel; I was afraid to tell them to train their children in the way they should go, instead of the ways of the world. But does the excuse justify us? Listen at what the lord says, Matt. 25:30, "But cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness." Hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

can any human imagination picture the joy that must have flooded Thomas' heart as he realized that Jesus Christ was really risen from the dead and he was touching Him with his own hands. When John, with spiritual instinct, was the first to recognize the risen Lord on the lake shore in the faint light of that memorial morning, what did he say? Only, "It is the Lord." Yet that little sentence sent headlong into the waiting sea, the man whose heart had been broken by his denial of his Master, and opened the flood gates of a joy so boundless that no human being could possibly picture it. And so may it be some glad golden day with us. If suddenly radiant faces should swarm into our astonished presence; sweet familiar voices of long ago whisper our name as our Lord spoke Mary's, the thrill and uplift and spendor or glorification sweep through our whole being in one jubilee instant of time and then we should be caught up together with them in the air to meet the Lord, resurrection joy would be no mere dream as it seems now to many, but would be the same marvelous, thrilling reality of bliss and glory that it was twenty centuries ago, there on that quiet shore of Galilee. Only then it was "Christ the first fruits," but for us it would be, "They that are Christ's at His coming."

## When The Pearly Gates Swing Open

BUXTON, Me. — I want to praise God, my heavenly Father, thru the Evangel for His loving kindness, mercy and blessings He has bestowed upon me. Praise Him for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, praise His holy name! I was taught to pray when a child, and have prayed and trusted God all my life. He has been my helper and strength thru my trials, and I have been ill from childhood. I have been in the hospital four different times; was operated on three times for internal deformities. No one knows the terrible suffering of it. Doctors have done all possible for me, still I am greatly afflicted and suffer much distress. Two of the operations were so serious that I almost died. The people with me thought I could not live. I called on God all the time I was conscious and He gave me strength and courage and brought me thru. After I would get better and about again (O the shame of it) I would neglect to pray and praise God. I know now that I must have grieved my precious Saviour many times in life. God has been patient and good to me. Four years ago I began to have a desire to live closer to God. I gave up nearly all other reading and devoted my time to the reading of my Bible and other books on religion. A dear friend (who is in Africa now as a missionary) gave me much help. I prayed for light and guidance. Dances and cards bothered me. I prayed that if they were displeasing to God that He would take the desire for them away from me. I thought I was a Christian and I could not understand why I was not happy and at peace. It seemed I was always waiting and searching for something, I knew not what. I knew I did not have peace in my soul. At times I suffered great mental distress. Nights I would dread another day, and days I would dread the long wakeful hours of another night. I felt that my life was a failure and one big disappointment. I could not be as other people because of my health. I could not go into public very much, and we had no children to bless our home. There was much darkness in my soul. I would go on my knees before God and ask Him to forgive me of my neglect to pray and trust, and He always did. He never failed to give me comfort, strength and courage to press on and make another effort to bear the cross with patience. Praise the Lord! Last November my brother and his wife came and asked me to go to one of the Church of God meetings at their house. The meeting had been going on all summer in a tent near them, but was at their house then. I had heard of the meetings all summer, but did not care to attend. I decided, after talking with my brother and his wife, to go once, any way. Brother and Sister Albert Smith and Brother Adam Cochran were the preachers. They sang like their hearts were glad and like they loved to sing praise to God. They prayed as if their hearts were greatly burdened for unsaved souls. They preached of a loving and just God, a gentle Saviour who suffered and died on the cross that all who would believe, repent and accept Jesus, might thru Him be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I did not know about seeking the Holy Ghost before. It seemed very strange to me. I thought of it, and talked with others a great deal, and read all I could find about it in my Bible, and I attended all the meetings I could after that. I thought if God had anything more than I already had I surely wanted it. I started to seek for the Holy Ghost. Five weeks later I received the baptism, God wonderfully answered my prayers for light and guidance, praise the Lord! I have no desire for the worldly pleasures. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and can truly say I am happy and free, with peace in my soul thru Jesus Christ my Saviour. I want to serve God and follow Jesus faithfully the rest of my life, and I want to bear my cross patiently, that when Jesus calls or comes for me I will be found with oil in my vessel and my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I have been anointed with oil and have been prayed for by my healing several times, also Brother Rouse sent me an anointed handkerchief and I am praying that God will heal me. God has rebuked a cold four times, and I did not have to suffer from it, also He gave me victory over pain many times since last November. Please pray for my

## TAKES EVERYTHING TO GOD

MALLORY, W. Va. — I want to praise God this morning for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus regardless of what the cost may be. I take everything to God in prayer. He is always ready to answer. We have Brother Fielden of Illinois here holding a tent meeting. We have lots of opposition. I want all who read this to pray that God will bless us at this place, we want a Church of God set in order at once. We have a few believers. Many fight the way, even tried to get folks to sign a petition to keep us from putting the tent on the school lot. Praise the Lord, Jesus is always on hand to protect and take care of His own. We went to God in prayer about the school lot, and told Him, in prayer, that if the Church of God was the church He wanted His children to live in and was really the right church, for Him to give us the victory and possession of the school lot to hold a meeting on. Glory to His name forever. We conquered and are now having a wonderful attendance every night. The enemy is still against us, but when God is for us who can be against us. We are hoping and praying for many souls to be saved here during this tent meeting, for God to fill him with the Holy Ghost and if he isn't a fit subject for the blessing to move him out of this place.

It is wonderful to trust in Jesus for everything you want. I am trusting Him for both soul and body, and I get glory out of that trust. Praise His name forever. Please pray for my husband that he may get sanctified and get the Holy Ghost. — Your sister in Christ, Linda Ramey.

## Shouts Victory While Word Is Preached

AUGUSTA, Ga. — I want to praise God this morning for His love and mercy to me, for saving me from a devil's hell, sanctifying me, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. He heals my body when I get sick. I have much to praise the Lord for. We have a grand pastor at our church and we surely thank God for him. He preaches the word in its fullness and lives it too. We shout the victory while he gives out the word. I also thank the Lord for our Sunday School and for our superintendent. We have a live Sunday School. We had good lessons in our last quarter. We can hear Jeremiah as he pleads and warns people to turn from their wicked ways and obey God. As we go further, we see that they are hard hearted and disobedient. Alas, the time came when God's wrath was poured out on them. Oh how our hearts burned within as we would go over those lessons, and see now wicked our land is today. We have come to the close of the quarter and we read in Lamentations how Jeremiah wept over the lost city. She was so great and then was wasted. Dear Brother and Sister, I can see the little foxes creeping in our midst. If we do not obey God and preach against this that creeps in, we will sooner or later be captured by the enemy and carried away. Our city will be wasted and all who pass will clap their hands at it, and will hiss and nod their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this that city that men call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth? Lam. 2:15.

## God's Word Fulfilled

CEDAR VALLEY, Jamaica, B. W. I. — I want to praise God for His blessing He has poured out upon His people in this evening time. We have closed a week's revival twenty-five miles from home which has been a great success. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed our pastor in giving out the Word. The people came in great numbers to hear the Word of God. As the church would not hold all the people, a large crowd stood outside the door. God's Word was fulfilled before many, according to Mark 16:17. One was saved, one sanctified, and two received the Holy Ghost. Many seekers were in the altar. We proved that the few saints at Dry Harbour are out for the Bible, and we desire that the church may be set in order before long. Please pray for us at Dry Harbour that we may remain steadfast and press toward the prize. — I am yours in Him, Lester G. Moore, clerk, Cave Valley P. O.

entire healing and help me pray for unsaved souls in Buxton. We love Bro. and Sister Smith and Brother and Sister Cochran and their children very much. I pray that God will keep them and bless them always. I invite all unsaved ones to come to Jesus and find sweet peace and rest for their souls. I was weary and heavy laden, He gave me sweet peace, made my cross easy and my burden light with the blessed assurance that if I would follow Jesus faithfully here in this world that when the pearl gates swing open I shall change my old cross for a crown. A sister in Christ. — Gracie Palmer.

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## Obituaries

### MITCHELL

The death angel visited the home of Mr. J. M. Mitchell on Feb. 6, 1929 and claimed his dear wife, P. A. Mitchell, age eighty years, five months and nineteen days. They were united in marriage Sept. 22, 1872 and lived a happy life together. Seven children were born in this home, of which only two are living.

She had many friends, for all who knew her loved her. She was a loving wife and mother, and a true friend to all. She was a true member of the Methodist church since early girlhood. She was saved and sanctified and loved the Lord above all. She bore her illness with patience and died a sweet death. She was anxious to go and during her last hour of life she prayed for her unsaved son. In her dying hour she said, "Let me go, let me go to the land of rest; let me go, let me go, to the home of the blest." She seemed very happy and at times would say, "Take me, Lord, here I am." By these words we know she was ready to go.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. Robert Carroll and her body laid to rest in the Jackson Chapel Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Oh we miss you, mother dear,  
Our hearts are full of pain,  
But where there are no sad tears  
We hope to meet you again.

—Her daughter, Mrs. Anna Ogle, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

### OWENS

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Owens on Aug. 2, 1929, at 1:00 a. m. and claimed for its victim their loving daughter, Voris Lavern. She was born Jan. 18, 1920. She was a kind and loving child and loved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her death a loving mother, father, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. Dear bereaved ones, don't grieve as one who has no hope for we know if we live for God we will meet little Lavern again where there will be no more tear-dimmed eyes and parting comes no more. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Copeland and the little body laid to rest in the Noonsville Cemetery Aug. 2nd at 4:00 p. m.

Sleep on, dear Lavern, and take your rest,  
We loved you but Jesus loved you best;

## LET US NOT BE DOPED

HAZLEHURST, Ga. — Dear Evangel readers, I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am thirteen years old in the Lord, and I am not tired of the way. This way is not grievous to me for I am finding glory all along the way. I feel like going against the enemy like a man going to fight another. We don't have to give him an inch of ground. If we doers of the word, He will keep us from all sin. Father, "Sanctify them through thy truth." John 17:17. Brothers and sisters, let us watch and pray always. Hold to the precious word of God. It seems to me that Satan has made lots of brothers and sisters drunk. You know a drunk man can't watch himself. He doesn't know what he is doing. I saw a man a few years ago riding his horse back and forth in the creek. He was almost drowning the horse. What was the matter? He was drunk and didn't have sense enough to know what he was doing. If we fail to keep God's Word we will fail to keep the mind of Christ. Then, like the drunk man, we will not know what we are doing. We find so many of the Church of God members today who are not doers of the word and yet, they testify that they keep the victory. Some will not pay tithes or visit the sick, some will not pay their debts, some don't work in Sunday School or work in a revival to help lost souls to God. Then when the true workers help get souls to God and the Lord spreads a table the ones who won't work are ready to eat and praise God. As soon as they eat they are ready to set down when it is time to work. If we are like these we are drunk and don't know what we are doing. The Word will show us just where we are. Let us not be doped on satan's dope, thinking that we are all right and not doing what the Word says. God is a Spirit, and the Spirit and the Word agree.

I feel like praising God for healing my body. I had kidney trouble for several years. I was getting worse every year. I could hardly do my little farm work. I couldn't hold out to walk a half mile. I didn't have any strength. About a month ago the saints at our tabernacle at Hazlehurst went down before the Lord for me. He heard them and wonderfully healed me. Bless His name. We ask all to pray for us that God will lead us in the path of the right. Pray for my wife. She has this wonderful blessing and we have a happy home. We both trust the Lord for our bodies and have a great

Flowers will bloom and fade away, but the memory of you will always stay.

—one who loved her, Mrs. P. B. Lewis, Alachua, Fla.

### MILLS

On Tuesday morning July 23, 1929 about ten o'clock the death angel visited the home of Brother Andrew and Sister Cora Mills of Straven, Ala. and claimed their darling baby. They trusted God to the end and many prayers were sent up for little Louise but God knew best and our loss is Heaven's gain. Let's watch and pray and be ready at any time God sees fit to take us away to that bright home with mothers, fathers and children who have gone on before.

In my dreams I can see you, little Louise. You have gone to be with Jesus and we know you are safe at home. This one request I make of you, watch and wait for me and your lonely mother, daddy and two little sisters. Your lonely mother in this wide world is wondering when Jesus will call her home with her baby, up there where her heart will not be broken, and no tears will be shed, but all will be peace in that sweet home.

Though our hearts are so lonely since little Louise went away from all her cares here, to be with Jesus so dear, it makes my heart rejoice to know she was a little lamb of God, one who could hear His loving voice. —One who loved her dearly, her aunt Pearl Weston, Rt. 1, Hollins, Ala. All who read this please pray for me as I have wandered from God and feel that He is working with my heart.

### McCARN

On July 20, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Brother J. A. McCarn and claimed for its victim his wife, Marriam Frances Luvenia McCarn. She was born Aug. 28, 1897 and was thirty-one years, ten months, and twenty days of age. Sister McCarn was a faithful member at this place, Belmont, N. C. Leaving the Baptist church a number of years ago, she cast her lot with the Church of God. She was saved and sanctified. She leaves a husband, three children, and father. The funeral was conducted by the pastor at the church assisted by Brother Mase, her former pastor. Her body was laid to rest in the Abneeker Cemetery near Belmont, N. C. We have lost but Heaven has gained. W. M. Stalling, pastor.

## 'TWAS A GRAND HAPPY DAY

To the saints scattered abroad greetings in the dear name of our Christ: Praise His name forever, He grows dearer each passing day. These are awful days which we are passing thru. How I do thank God for the "safety under the blood." We are surely in the refiner's fire, but thank God for it. I want everything combustible in me to be burned out so when the fire test of the judgment comes I can stand by Jesus' side unafraid. I want the dear saints of God everywhere to pray especially for me to be more than conqueror over the peculiar tests and trials which God is lovingly letting me pass thru. It is the hardest, bitterest, most tormenting, nerve-wrecking, trial imaginable. I need your prayers that I may just lay quiet and let God "mold me and make me after His will."

I thank God for bringing me back into the dear old Church of God. Oh, 'twas a grand happy day for me when I got back. I thank Him for this sweet salvation. Holiness unto the Lord; Holiness in heart and life. Oh, how I adore the words, holy! holy! holy! Oh glory! glory! glory! I feel the fire burning. I want to thank God for His sweet healing power. He keeps me well. I am so far away from saints. The sweet Holy Ghost abides and keeps me in this awful "dark river" thru which I am passing. I would like for any of the dear saints to write to me. My Bible, prayers, and letters are all I have—enough tho'. Please pray for me. Yours looking up, Mary D. Rouse Howard, Keyesville, Ga. R. I.

## Glad To See The Children Come

BELMONT, N. C. — On June 7 we began a meeting in the Rex Cotton Mill Village which lasted until the 28th. The Lord blessed from the beginning. There were about thirty-two saved, thirty sanctified, and thirty baptized with the Holy Ghost. Thirty followed the Lord in water baptism. Several children received the Holy Ghost. We are glad to see the children coming in the way for they will soon have to take the places of some of the older ones. We closed the meeting with good interest and many people looking this way. — F. H. Collier & R. L. Collette.

determination to go all the way and mend our ways and stay in the dear old Church of God. A brother in Christ, B. L. Dubose.

## Looking Toward The Church of God

EAST POINT, Ga. — There is a peace

in my heart that this world didn't give and praise the Lord, it cannot take it away. I praise God for His great love and mercy He has shown me. I praise Him because I know whom I have believed in and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. I was born and reared in Macon, Ga. All my life I could feel God dealing with my heart and life, and thanks to His precious name the time came when I said, "Just as I am without one plea," and praise His name He saved my soul from sin. Then after a while some dear people lived clean lives in front of me and my heart cried out to God. Someone came and preached to me that I could be sanctified and cleansed. Oh I cried out for that too.

I was a Sunday School teacher in a dear Methodist church and the people were so precious to me, but the light had come. They told me the doctrine was wrong, that everybody had to sin a little every day, but anyway I called on God and He blessed me. I didn't get a great experience like I noticed that some dear people seem to have, so I took the Lord for my sanctifier by faith. After a while the enemy (the devil) came to me and asked, "Where did you get sanctified?" O Lord, give me a place to point the enemy back to where I really was sanctified. One night the fire fell. O it was sweet and glorious, and I was filled with peace, love and boldness that I had not known before. At that time I was a member of the Nazarene church. Precious people they were, God bless them. They said I received the Holy Ghost when I was sanctified but you know there were some people who had meetings on the streets in Macon and I felt in my heart that they had an experience that I did not have. The dear Nazarene people absolutely forbade me going to the meetings where people spoke in tongues. Finally the pastor of the church told me that he was a higher power over me and he forbade me going to these meetings. He would tell me awful things about how they did. I asked him if he had ever seen them do that way and he said, "No, but I heard of it. Dear ones, I would get so hungry to go to that another sister and I would slip off and go. When we would go back to the Nazarene people's meeting they would say, She has been there again. I would get so blessed because somebody's cup had run over at the Holy Ghost meeting.

Our pastor of the Nazarene church had to go to Florida for his health and the district superintendent of the Nazarene churches of Georgia took our church over to pastor. He was a blessed man but he couldn't stand speaking in tongues. Of course he took a stand against Pentecostal power. After a while he had to go off for an operation so I was a licensed preacher and a leader and his dear wife told me to keep the flock together. God had blessed the church and at one time there was quite a bunch of us. Well praise the Lord forever, God opened the way and I walked in. I went to the meetings and I went to the altar too. I asked God to give me the Holy Ghost. I even went on the street with them and told people in my home town that I was seeking the Holy Ghost. In two weeks from the time I started I received the Holy Ghost with joy and with gladness and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Three more real hungry souls (dear women of God) followed me and received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. The Nazarene preachers and people tried to turn us back but that has been since April 6, 1924 to May 24, 1929 and we haven't turned back yet. Others from the Nazarene belief have come in since. I praise God for all of them.

I have never affiliated with any body of people since, only just to worship God, but I feel in my soul tonight that I am a true child of the King. I have felt more impressed with the Church of God people than any I have ever worshipped with. I know I've been called to love everybody but I think now if ever I am added to any body of people it will be the Church of God. I read the Evangel when I can be at home. I have been called to bear the message of Jesus and am away from home quite a bit, but I count it a privilege here His cross to bear. Some of our dear people in Macon have been added to the Church of God and I happened to be there in the meeting with them the first of this month. Brother Culpepper, a true man of God I believe, was there. Souls were saved and blessed much. A girl who had been seeking the Holy Ghost for quite while received the blessing there. We all surely rejoiced. Praise God for people who are willing to pay the price. The church at Macon seemed to me to be climbing. There are some blessed people there. I heard Brother Culpepper preach on the church, the first message I ever heard on the church. I was very much impressed. Please, dear Evangel readers, pray for me that I will always obey the voice of the Saviour. I believe in people being sure of a thing as I felt sure I needed the Holy Ghost. I want to see Jesus, don't you? I enjoy so much the inspiring pieces in the Evangel. I received great faith thru a piece a dear brother wrote on faith a few weeks ago. I read it in the bed

## Sunday Schools Are Growing

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — At the beginning of the second quarter the Sunday Schools in the Kansas City district entered a contest for new scholars. The Sunday School securing the largest number of scholars during the quarter was to be given the district convention. It is wonderful to see the Sunday School spirit, which is running at a high tide in all the schools that are in this district. Each school and church has been wonderfully blessed. They are all busy as bees. We surely have some Sunday School workers. This contest exceeded our expectations in the Sunday School work in this district and we have been told by those who know, that we have the best Sunday School interest in the state. Now God is in this thing, He is back of it, and to Him we give praise and honor, and are looking for such interest in Sunday School work that will tear down the enemy's strongholds and make him move back.

I long to see the time when no one will be given papers to preach unless he is a live wire for the Sunday School work. This is the stay and life of a church, and no work is greater and more needful for the success of a church than a red hot, white heated Sunday School spirit that will especially rescue the oncoming generation from the devil's dens, that are on every crook and turn.